

Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 25 September 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Becker, Col. White, [REDACTED]

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General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] notification that where a project is expiring with no approval or disapproval from Headquarters for continuation, he [REDACTED] would advance funds against the "next quarterly allowance." The DCI then asked Mr. Wisner if [REDACTED] had recommended the reduction or "scrubbing" of any of his projects. Mr. Wisner stated (1) he did not have this information immediately at hand; (2) [REDACTED] recommendations in this regard had been requested; (3) the Murder Board had recommended the reduction and/or "scrubbing" of certain projects [REDACTED] After some discussion, the Director approved [REDACTED] action as indicated in the above-cited cable until further instructions were received from Headquarters but stated we were asking for and spending too much over-all and he intended to reduce our budget by at least [REDACTED] In this connection, the Director asked Col. White if his memorandum on the budget had been prepared. [REDACTED] noted that the memorandum in question was on the Director's desk.

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Colonel White:

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Left with the Director a memorandum of the DCI's observations concerning the PRC.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

c. Referred to [redacted]  
After some discussion wherein Mr. Wisner stated, in response to a query from the Director, that he was not sure we were receiving dollar value from this project, the Director approved DD/P's recommendation that [redacted] continue this project temporarily since he had already committed himself. The Director went on to say, however, unless he could be assured that we were receiving full value from our money being expended in connection with this project, it would be terminated and asked DD/P to send a personal cable from him (DCI) to [redacted] so indicating and advising him that we were not "buying any pig in a poke."

d. Noted that a [redacted] was coming up and we proposed to go ahead with [redacted] mentioned at a previous Deputies' Meeting. The DCI approved.

e. Stated it was proposed to send [redacted] back to the field in connection with [redacted] activities and asked the Director (1) if he had any objection; (2) would it be necessary to notify [redacted] that [redacted] was being sent overseas. The Director approved [redacted]'s new assignment and stated it would not be necessary to advise the Committee in question. In connection with [redacted] new assignment, Mr. Wisner noted that he would not [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Plans (2 copies)  
Deputy Director/Intelligence  
Inspector General  
Acting Deputy Director/Administration

It is requested that the following correction be made in the minutes of the Deputies' Meeting for Wednesday, 24 September 1952:

Colonel White:

b. Noted that Houston had authorized our "two people" [redacted] to obtain counsel for defense and CIA would defray the expenses connected therewith. Mr. Becker recommended and the DCI approved submission of legislation to the Congress which would authorize the CIA General Counsel to appear in court on behalf of the Agency and/or any of its officers. Mr. Becker also noted that this was not an uncommon practice and, in fact, FCC had such authority.

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Executive Assistant  
to the Director

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